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Commission on Judicial Appointments to Consider Appointments to Court Of Appeal

Confirmation Hearings Set June 4 in Los Angeles

San Francisco—A public meeting has been scheduled by the Commission on Judicial Appointments for Wednesday, June 4, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., in the Supreme Court Courtroom, Ronald Reagan State Office Building, 300 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, to consider three appointments by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District (Los Angeles), as follows:

- Associate Justice Robert A. Mallano, of Division One, was appointed as Presiding Justice of the same division, filling a vacancy created by the retirement of Presiding Justice Vaino Spencer.
- Judge Frank Y. Jackson, of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, was appointed as an Associate Justice of Division Seven, filling a vacancy created by the retirement of Justice Earl Johnson.
- Judge Patricia A. Bigelow, of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, was appointed as an Associate Justice of Division Eight, filling a vacancy created by the death of Justice Paul Boland.

The state Constitution specifies that a gubernatorial appointment to the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeal is “effective when confirmed by the Commission on Judicial Appointments.” The members of the commission who will consider the three appointments are Chief Justice Ronald M. George, Chairperson; Attorney General Edmund G. Brown, Jr.; and Presiding Justice Joan Dempsey Klein, senior presiding justice of the Second Appellate District.

The hearing on Justice Mallano’s appointment will begin at 2:00 p.m., and consideration of the other appointees will immediately follow.

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All communications to the commission by persons who wish to comment on the appointment should be received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28, 2008:

The commission's address is:

Commission on Judicial Appointments
c/o Chief Justice of California
Supreme Court of California
350 McAllister Street
San Francisco, California 94102
Attention: Secretary to the Commission

Anyone wishing to testify before the commission must state that request in writing and include a summary of the facts on which any testimony or opinion will be based. A request to be included on the speakers' list must be received by the commission by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28, 2008.

The guidelines for the Commission on Judicial Appointments are published as an appendix to the California Rules of Court and are available on the California Courts Web site at <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/reference/documents/guidelinescja.pdf>.

The guidelines also can be obtained by calling the Public Information Office of the Judicial Council/Administrative Office of the Courts at 415-865-7740.

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